GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3787
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2015
Bezbaruah Committee
Arunmozhithevan Shri A.;Marutharajaa Shri R.P.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by the M.P. Bezbaruah Committee on crime against north eastern people living in different parts of the country and the action taken by the Government to implement all the recommendations made by such Committee;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to bring a legislation/Bill in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted a Committee in February 2014 under the Chairmanship of Shri M.P. Bezbaruah, Member, North-Eastern Council to took into concerns of the persons hailing from the North-Eastern states who are living in different parts of the country, especially the Metropolitan areas, and to suggest suitable remedial measures which could be taken by the Government.

Recommendations made by the Committee, inter-alia, include legislative measures, special police initiatives for safety and security of North Eastern people living in Delhi, NCR and other parts of the country, educating people about the North East and addressing their grievances of accommodations etc.

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These recommendations have been accepted and are at various stages of implementation. Advisories have already been issued to all States and UTs requesting them to have a stringent mechanism to deal with the incidents of attacks on citizens from North-Eastern States. The State Government and Unions Territories are taking all necessary security measures to strictly follow the directions given in the advisories. Special helpline numbers are provided by Delhi Police, Gurgaon Police, and Bengaluru Police for assisting citizens of North Eastern States who are staying in these cities. Nodal Officers have been appointed to address the grievances of the North Eastern People. Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) has empanelled Legal Services Counsel including lady advocates to deal with cases relating to people of North Eastern Region.

Based on the recommendations of the Bezbaruah Committee, there is a proposal to amend the provisions of Indian Penal code relating to "promoting or attempting to promote acts prejudicial to human dignity" and "words, gestures or acts intened to insult a member of a particular racial group".
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